

a circuit for tracking the output of the first operational amplifier, the circuit having a low pass characteristic, and for holding a value that is the maximum in response to the pulse; and

means for digitizing and displaying the held value.

Cancel claims 1-23, 25, 32-37, 40 and 47-50.

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claim 24 and has objected to claims 26-28 and 38-39 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 26 and 38 have been amended by being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, i.e., claim 26 includes the limitations of base claim 25 from which it depended and claim 38 includes the limitations of base claim 32 and intervening claims 34, 35 and 36. Claims 27-28 and 39 depend, respectively, from claims 26 and 38.

Claims 1-23, 25, 32-37, 40 and 47-50 have been canceled.

Claims 29-31 and 41-46 having been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention, claims 24, 26-28 and 38-39 remain in the application.

DRAWINGS OBJECTION

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 (p)(5) because they include reference signs not mentioned in the description: 10 in Figure 1 and 12 in Figure 2.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the specification, page 7, lines 16-18, where the reference signs 10 in Figure 1 and 12 in Figure 2 are recited. Thus, Applicants submit that the objection is obviated and, therefore, no proposed drawing correction is necessary to be submitted with this action.

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§112 REJECTIONS

Claims 3-4, 14-23, 33 and 40 have been canceled thus obviating this rejection.

§103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 2, 5-20, 25, 32, 34-37, and 47-50 have been canceled thus obviating the Examiner's rejections under §103. **NOTE**: On page 7 of his action, the Examiner rejected claim 26 under §103 but indicated that it was only objected to on page 9. Based on the fact that claim 26 recites the operational amplifier and tracking circuits cited by the Examiner in his statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants assume that the rejection under §103 was a typographical error and that claim 26, as rewritten above, is, in fact, allowable. **NOTE**: Although Applicants have canceled claims 8-13, they cannot find them listed anywhere in the Examiner's rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submit that each of the presently pending claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections are requested. Claim 24 having been allowed by the Examiner, allowance of claims 26-28 and 38-39 at an early date is solicited.

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